(c) Decision for installations of machines are taken on the basis of workload and justification subject to availability of funds. Department has proposed in the 8th Plan to provide more such machines in important cities of the country. This will include important cities of Orissa also.

Introduction of 'Home Direct Service'

822. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently introduced 'Home Direct Service' to some foreign countries on 'Dial-up' basis to all telephone customers having STD facility; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Home Direct Service is available to all subscribers having STD facilities in ten cities with access to eight countries.

(b) Details are given in the statement.

Statement

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The service has been introduced to 8 countries with effect from 1-11-91, as detailed below :—

	Access Code		
1. USA	000	11	7
2. U.K.	000	441	7
3. JAPAN	000	811	7
4. ITALY	000	391	7
5. SPAIN	000	341	7
6. SINGAPORE	000	651	7
7. NETHERLANDS	000	311	7
8. CANADA	000	16	7

Call to any of these 8 countries can be made from any telephone with STD/ISD facility by dialling the above access codes. The service will also be available on dedicated telephones installed at important places of tourist interests, Air Ports, Five Star Hotels and Telephone Bureaus.

On dialling the required code, the call will be answered by the operator at the distant end who will put through the call to be required number on "Collect Call" basis after confirmation from the called number. In respect of calls to USA, AT&T cards can be used.

The tariff for each effective call from a dedicated phone will be Rs. 10/- and in case of Dial-up calls the charges will be on metering unit per effective calls.

At present the service has been introduced from 13 cities in the country as detailed below :—

(i) Ahmedabad

(ii) Bombay

(iii) Bangalore

(iv) Calcutta (on dedicated phones)

(v) Delhi

(vi) Ernakukam

(vii) Hyderabad (on dedicated phones)

(viii) Kanpur

(ix) Lucknow

(x) Madras

(xi) Ranchi

(xii) Varanasi

(xiii) Vishakhapattnam (on dedicated phones)

Waiting list for telephone in Orissa

823. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applicants in different towns and cities on waiting list for telephone connections in Orissa as on the 31st October, 1991;

(b) what is the date upto which the applications have been cleared in those towns and cities in Orissa; and

(c) by when the backlog is likely to be cleared ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No. of applicants on waiting list for telephone connections in major towns and cities of Orissa as on 31-10-91 is as below :

No. Sl.	Name of Town/	No. of persons on Waiting list as on 31-10-1991
1.	Berhampur	346
2.	Bhubaneswar	2428
3.	Cuttack	1671
4.	Rourkela	225
5.	Sambalpur	297
6.	Angul	23
7.	Aska	13
8.	Baripada	93
9.	Balasore	101
10.	Barbil	37
11.	Bargarh	7
12.	Bhawanipatna	19
13.	Bolangir	10
14.	Bhadrak	23
15.	Burla	11
16.	Brajrajnagar	16
17.	Chatrapur	nil
18.	Choudwar	33
19.	Chandipur (BLS)	95
20.	Dhenkanal	101
21.	Jharsuguda	6
22.	Jajpur Road	62
23.	Jeypore (K)	5
24.	Keonjhar	91
25.	Koraput	15
26.	Kendrapara	4
27.	Karanjia	27
28.	Nalconagar	34
29.	Phulbani	2
30.	Paradeep	2
31.	Puri	25
32.	Hairangpur	20
33.	Sunabeda	12
34.	Sundargarh	nil
35.	Talchar	38

(b) In all the above towns and cities excluding Cuttack, Bhubaneswar and Sambalpur, the applicants have registered their demand for new telephone connections during the current year 1991. The date of clearance of waiting list in respect of Cuttack, Bhubaneswar and Sambalpur is given below :—

Name of Station	Date of Clearance of Waiting List under different categories		
	OYT	Non-OYT (Special)	Non-OYT (General)
Cuttack	23-11-91	19-5-91	16-1-90
Bhubaneswar X-Bar	Upto date	31-10-91	25-1-89
Bhubaneswar E-10 B	Upto date	31-10-91	31-3-90
Sambalpur	16-9-91	23-5-91	30-4-90

(c) The waiting list is likely to be cleared progressively during the year 1991-92 and 1992-93.

Reconstitution of T.A.C. for Goa

824. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal for reconstitution of Telephone Advisory Committee for Goa; if so, by when; and

(b) whether Government are contemplating to scrap/merge the technical committee of the Department and empower the T.A.C. to have access to the technical feasibilities report?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHR P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Reconstitution of Telecom Advisory Committee for Goa is already under process and it is expected to be reconstituted soon.

(b) No, Sir.

There is no such Committee as "Technical Committee of the Department" and hence there is no such proposal.

Protest against installation of mail box in multi-storeyed buildings

825. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 231 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Postal Employees Union has protested against the Mail Delivery order 1991 dated the 29th May, 1991 alleging that it would adversely affect the operative staff like the postmen and lower grades; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir. There is no formal representation against the Mail Delivery Order, 1991 dated 29th May, 1991 by the All India Postal Employees Union.

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply to (a) above.

Introduction of three types of hour calls

826. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. is considering a proposal to introduce three types of hour calls—a busy hour call, a standard call and cheap hour call; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when the same is likely to be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

स्मारक डाक टिकट निकाला जाना

827. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) अक्तूबर/नवम्बर, 1991 माह में सरकार द्वारा निकाले जाने के लिये प्रस्तावित स्मारक डाक टिकटों का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ख) भारतीय भवन पुस्तकालय, इलाहाबाद पर स्मारक डाक टिकट कब तक निकाला जायगा ?

संचार मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पी०वी० रंगैया नायडु) : (क) अक्तूबर/नवम्बर 1991 माह में जारी की जाने वाली स्मारक डाक टिकटों की सूची विवरण में दी गई है ।